1 2 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK 4 JANE DOE, et al. Civil Action No.: 1:20 – CV – 0840 (BKS/CFH) 5 6 Plaintiffs, DECLARATION OF JANE JOE IN SUPPORT OF 7 vs. PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY 8 INJUNCTION HOWARD ZUCKER, et al. 9 Defendants. 10 11 1. I am the mother of a medically fragile child and am plaintiff in this lawsuit. I make this 12 13 declaration in support of the emergency relief requested. 14 2. My son, who is six years old, had a severe, life threatening anaphylactic reaction to his Hep 15 B shot given at birth. 16 3. My son has special needs. He suffers from severe autism, obsessive compulsive disorder, and 17 a range of neurological and other health issues. 18 19 4. We've worked really hard to try to help him function as best he can. We have to be very 20 careful about environmental and dietary triggers, of which there are many. Nonetheless, his 21 health is fragile, and we have a lot of setbacks. 22 5. On the advice of his treating physicians through the years, my son has had a medical 23 exemption to all further immunization since the anaphylactic reaction at birth. 24 25 26 DECLARATION OF JANE JOE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY **INJUNCTION - 1** 27 28

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6. My son has had a medical exemption in our current school district since we moved here in 2018 written by our treating pediatrician.

- 7. There was never an issue until one day, without warning, in November 2019, I received a letter stating that my son's medical exemption was being overruled as to all vaccines other than the Hep B, and he would need to get caught up on all the other vaccines within a week or be removed from school.
- 8. I met with the Superintendent of our school district to beg him to reconsider. I explained how we'd always had a medical exemption to all further vaccines, that my son's health was very fragile and multiple physicians agreed he should not receive any more vaccines.
- 9. The Superintendent, who is not a medical professional and has no medical training, said that his hands were tied, and that he sympathized but as far as he understood, my son would have to have a near death anaphylactic reaction to each individual vaccine before he could be exempt from that vaccine.
- 10. My child was expelled from school in November 2019 and has been denied an education but also all educational services since. Our district has typically provided educational services to homeschool children outside of school but decided not to provide them to us.
- 11. Before he was removed from school, my son had an Individualized Education Plan which entitled him to extensive needed services including speech therapy five days a week, occupational therapy three times a week, music therapy and play therapy.

DECLARATION OF JANE JOE IN SUPPORT OF PLAINTIFFS' MOTION FOR A PRELIMINARY **INJUNCTION - 2**